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Adinolfi Receives Fourth Award for Service to Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces



HARTFORD – State Representative Al Adinolfi (R-103rd) recently received his fourth award this year for his dedication and activism on behalf of Connecticut’s Veterans and members of the Armed Forces. This past week, the Connecticut Chapter of the American Legion awarded Adinolfi with their “Legislator of the Year” award for his dedication as a member of the Select

Committee on Veterans Affairs, and in shepherding through legislation critical to wartime veterans.

Adinolfi worked on a number of pro-veteran and pro-soldier initiatives this year, including new legislation that gives state employees called to active military service in the National Guard or the military reserves vacation and sick leave accrual for the entire period of active service rather than just the first 30 days, and a new law that excludes veterans' disability payments when determining income for purposes of income-based property tax exemptions for veterans, the blind, and people with total disabilities.

“Al has been a strong supporter of veterans on a number of issues, including tax relief and the Soldiers Sailors and Marine’s Fund,” said Jerry Dierman, Treasurer of the American Legion’s Department of Connecticut, and the state administrator of the Soldiers Sailors and Marines Fund. “Vets couldn’t ask for a greater supporter on their behalf than Al Adinolfi.”

Prior to this award, Adinolfi was awarded both the “Lifetime Achievement Award,” and the “Above and Beyond” award by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) for his efforts in support of members of the National Guard, Reserves, and veterans. ESGR is a Department of Defense organization. It is a staff group within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (ASD/RA), which is in itself a part of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Also, The National Guard Association of Connecticut (NGACT) bestowed its Meritorious Service Award on State Rep. Al Adinolfi last march. The award was given during the organization’s annual awards banquet in Rocky Hill, CT. The Meritorious Service Award is given to individuals, firms and organizations in recognition of outstanding service in support of the Connecticut National Guard and/or NGACT.

“Rep. Adinolfi received this award because of his work on important legislation in support of our National Guardsmen and women,” said Debbi Newton, NGAAT President. “He worked right up to the deadline last year to get the workers compensation benefit bill passed, so our men and women in uniform can now be covered. He was also a staunch supporter of all our bills, and through his efforts we were able to get 15 of 17 pro-soldier bills passed into law last year.”

“This honor, as with the prior ones, is very special to me,” said Representative Adinolfi, a Korean War era Air Force veteran. “I consider these organizations critical partners in the effort to serve veterans and members of the armed forces who have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice for our freedom.”